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SUBJECT: JOINT US/AUSTRALIA MANNING AT NORTHWEST CAPE

1. DEPT WAS APPROACHED BY AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ON 23 AUGUST SEEKING US APPROVAL FOR A TEAM OF 3-4 AUSTRALIAN PERSONNEL TO VISIT NAVCOMMSTA H.E.HOLT WITHIN 10 DAYS FOR THE PURPOSE OF REVIEWING BILLET DUTY STATEMENTS AND DISCUSSING WITH STATION COMMANDER THOSE US BILLETS SUGGESTED AS CANDIDATES FOR AUSTRALIAN MANNING DURING 11-13 JUNE PRELIMINARY TALKS. THE TEAM IS EXPECTED TO VISIT FOR ABOUT THREE DAYS.

2. SINCE THE GOA HAS INDICATED LIMITED MANPOWER RESOURCES WITH WHICH TO CONTRIBUTE TO A JOINT MANNING EFFORT, THEY CAN BE EXPECTED TO PREFER THE MORE MEANINGFUL BILLETS. IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THIS REQUEST IS TO ENABLE THE
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GOA TO OBTAIN FIRST-HAND KNOWLEDGE OF THE DUTIES PERFORMED

BY THE PREVIOUSLY SPECIFIED BILLETS TO FACILITATE THIS END.

3. WE HAVE INFORMED AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY THAT GOA TEAM IS MOST WELCOME TO VISIT NAVCOMMSTA H.E. HOLT FOR PURPOSE OF REVIEWING BILLET STATEMENTS, INCLUDING DISCUSSIONS WITH COMMANDER, FOR THOSE BILLETS SPECIFIED IN THE JUNE DISCUSSIONS. NAVY REQUIRES ONE WORKING WEEK TO CONFIRM OFFER OF BILLETS WITH ALL OF ITS COMPONENT STAFFS AND THEREFORE SUGGESTS THAT TEAM VISIT BE SCHEDULED ANY TIME

AFTER LABOR DAY, BEGINNING 4 SEPTEMBER.

4. DEFENSE CONCURS. RUSH

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